

SPECIALIST INSTRUCTION CREDENTIALS

The Commission issues Specialist Instruction Credentials in the following areas:

Agriculture
Bilingual Crosscultural Education
Early Childhood Education
Gifted
Mathematics
Reading and Language Arts

REQUIREMENTS: An applicant for a Specialist Instruction Credential must verify:

- (a) possession of a basic California teaching credential meeting either of the following definitions: (1) a California teaching credential requiring a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and completion of a professional teacher preparation program including student teaching, or (2) a Clear Full-Time Designated Subjects credential if the holder also possesses a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university and has passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). The applicant for the Specialist Instruction Credential who does not hold a basic teaching credential, must qualify for a basic teaching credential outlined above before he or she will be eligible for a professional clear Specialist Credential. The Education Department of any of the colleges or universities listed on the reverse of this form can provide additional information about completing the program for the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential;
- (b) a fifth year of preparation beyond the bachelor's degree; and
- (c) completion of a Commission-approved program, including student teaching, and the recommendation of a California college or university with an approved program in the specialist area (**see list on reverse**).

AUTHORIZATION: The Specialist Instruction Credential authorizes the holder to teach in the area of specialization listed on the credential at any grade level; preschool, kindergarten, grades one through twelve, and in classes organized primarily for adults.

TERM: The term of a Professional Clear Specialist Instruction Credential is determined by the expiration date of the prerequisite teaching credential held, but may not exceed five calendar years.

NOTE: In order to renew the professional clear credential the holder must complete 150 clock hours of planned and approved professional growth activities and the equivalent of full-time service for one-half of one school year on the professional clear credential. Please refer to the Professional Growth Manual.

OUT-OF-STATE APPLICANTS: Except for the Bilingual Crosscultural Education Specialist Credential, applicants prepared at a regionally accredited college or university outside of California who hold or qualify and apply for a prerequisite California teaching credential and have completed a postgraduate year of study, including a full program of preparation in a specialist area, may apply directly to the Commission for the credential. Out-of-state trained Bilingual Crosscultural Education Specialist Credential applicants must apply through and be recommended by a California college or university with a Commission-approved Bilingual Crosscultural Specialist program. The approved programs are listed on the reverse of this leaflet. The student teaching or field work must have been completed with a grade of C or better. Applicants who received a pass or credit or satisfactory are assumed to have completed their student teaching or field work at a level equivalent to, or higher than, a grade of C. If the out-of-state preparation does not meet these requirements, specifically if the specialist program was completed concurrently with the program for the elementary or secondary teaching credential within the bachelor's degree, the applicant should contact a California college or university with a Commission-approved program in the specialist area (see list on reverse) for a recommendation or advice about completing the requirements for the credential.

NOTE: Specialist Instruction Credentials are also available in Special Education areas. See form CL-530 for information about the requirements.

Reference: Education Code Section 44265; Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80048

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COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN CALIFORNIA WITH APPROVED SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

State Colleges & Universities:	GIFTED	B	R	E	A	M
CPSU San Luis Obispo			X		X	
CSPU Pomona					X	
CSU Bakersfield		X	X			
CSU Chico		X	X		X	
CSU Dominguez Hills		X				
CSU Fresno			X	X	X	
CSU Fullerton			X			
CSU Hayward			X			
CSU Long Beach			X	X		
CSU Los Angeles	X	X	X			
CSU Northridge	X		X			
CSU Sacramento		X	X			
CSU San Bernardino			X			
CSU Stanislaus			X			
San Diego State University	X	X	X			
San Francisco State University		X	X			
San Jose State University			X			X
Sonoma State University			X	X		

University of California:

UC Berkeley			X			
UC Davis		X			X	
UC Santa Barbara			X			

Private Colleges and Universities:

Fresno Pacific College		X	X			
Loyola Marymount University			X			
Pacific Union College			X			
St. Mary's College			X			
University of LaVerne			X			
University of the Pacific		X				

KEY to approved programs listed on the reverse:

B = Bilingual Crosscultural
 R = Reading and Language Arts
 E = Early Childhood
 A = Agriculture
 M = Mathematics